

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1533 - HB 1641

March 23, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for simple assault from a Class A misdemeanor to an aggravated assault, Class E felony if the victim of the assault was a law enforcement officer. The bill also removes a provision in the law that allows an enhancement factor to a sentence when the victim of an aggravated assault is a law enforcement officer.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,000,000/Incarceration*

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes 200 persons per year will be convicted of a Class E felony for assault upon a law enforcement officer. Local governments will experience a decrease of expenditures and revenues associated with convictions of Class A misdemeanor due to this offense being elevated to a felony.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director